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In re Application of	:	
Shinji Usuba et al.	:	
Application No. 09/254,864	:	
Filed: March 15, 1999	:	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
Title: LINE CONCENTRATOR FOR	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A)
TELEPHONE SET AND COMMUNICATION	:	
METHOD OF LAN	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed on October 19, 2004, with a supplement received on February 10, 2006.

The Office regrets the period of delay in issuing this decision.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed November 18, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting issue fees<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 19, 2004. A notice of abandonment was mailed on April 1, 2004.

The original petition was submitted on April 23, 2004, and was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on August 19, 2004. With this renewed petition, Petitioner has submitted additional evidence, which has been deemed to be persuasive.

The renewed petition is **GRANTED**. The holding of abandonment is hereby WITHDRAWN.

<sup>1</sup> See MPEP §710.02(e).

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will mail a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, as well as a copy of the Notice of Allowability. The three month non-extendable time period for paying the issue fee will be set to run from the mailing date of the Notice.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Shanowski".

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